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## U.S.-Mex. Crisis Grows Over Slave Profits

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The Eisenhower Administration last week blundered into hostility with Mexico as police and soldiers of the southern republic fought to prevent Mexican farm workers from entering the U. S.

Direct cause of the border turmoil is the Eisenhower decision to have the U. S. Department of Labor hire Mexican farm hands at border recruiting stations in defiance of Mexican government policy.

The old U. S.-Mexico agreement, which expired at midnight Jan. 15, required that all recruitment be done by Mexican authorities in the interior.

Further, the agreement established certain minimum guarantees, such as the proviso that Mexican contract workers would be

guaranteed pay for 75 per cent of their work time in the U. S.

Under the present border hiring practices, the U. S. Department of Labor is party to grower-worker pacts maintaining the same general guarantees, but which rest on administrative policy that may be nullified or cancelled at will. Corporate growers have already demanded radical downward revision of the guarantees.

The unilateral Eisenhower program has been strongly challenged by both U. S. and Mexican labor unions. Labor on both sides of the border has called for a continuation of the collective agreement concept which spelled out duties and responsibilities of the two governments.

Negotiations between the two countries for extension of the old agreement broke down when Mexico asked for a minimum pay rate for contract workers. Both U. S. and Mexican labor unions have charged the so-called "prevailing wage" guarantee worked to the advantage of the growers. "Prevailing wages" for the contract workers have been set by the U. S. Department of Labor without public hearing or public review.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, warned that the admission of Mexican farm hands without bi-lateral contract protection was a "dangerous blow aimed at both the American standard of living and the welfare of the Mexican worker."

Haggerty claimed that if the U. S. government spent the same energy in recruiting domestic labor as it did in hauling Mexican workers from border posts to American farms, there would be little need for any foreign labor.

The U. S. grower scheme to establish a pool of cheap labor has been heightened by attempts to import farm workers from the British West Indies. In the face of this threat, the California Department of Employment, under the direction of William A. Burkett, has opened an intense recruiting campaign for domestic labor to work in the Ventura County lemon groves, site of the proposed West Indian invasion.

## Death Takes Fish Canner

George Maynard, veteran member of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, passed away last week following an attack of pneumonia, union officials reported.

Bro. Maynard was a native of England, moving to Canada and later to the Monterey area. He had worked for some 30 years at the Hovden Products Co. plant, it was reported.

## Barber Ill

Al Tittle, member of Salinas Barbers Union 827, was in the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital last week following an operation. Tittle, owner of Al's Barber Shop, 1264 N. Main St., has asked fellow barbers to visit him, according to James N. Butler, Jr., union secretary.



"VERY FEW UNEMPLOYED"—Henry Ford II (who has solid monetary and health security for life, as do most government and business leaders) says Detroit's unemployment "doesn't amount to a hill of beans," but you can judge for yourself from this picture of part of the crowd that registered for unemployment benefits as big auto firms continued to lay off workers. Number of jobless there is 107,000, with more layoffs due. (LPA)

## Tax Treatment Of Carpenter Welfare Told

Word has been received from the U. S. Department of Internal Revenue on treatment of welfare contributions and benefits under the Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund, union officials announced last week.

Four points set forth are summarized as follows:

1. Employer contributions and insurance benefits are NOT to be considered as wages.
2. Employer contributions are deductible from income tax.
3. No withholding is to be made on contributions, since these are not subject to income tax by the employee.
4. Insurance benefits are excluded from gross income for tax purposes.

## Carpenters' Health Plan Rules Eased

New eligibility rules for the Carpenters Health and Welfare Program were announced last week by officials of unions in this area.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Local 925 in Salinas; Mike Craner, business agent of Watsonville Local 771, and Thomas Eide, president of the Bay District Council and business agent of Monterey Local 1323, joined in issuance of a report from the Carpenters Health and Welfare Fund advising that a carpenter now can more easily meet eligibility requirements and remain insured longer.

After February 1 it will not be necessary for a carpenter to work 100 hours in a given month to qualify, as long as a total of 600 hours of work is recorded for him in a six months' period.

If a carpenter works at least 600 hours during October, 1953 through January, 1954 for one or more contributing employers, he will be insured for the months of March through August, 1954. In effect, the new eligibility rules apply beginning December 1.

A carpenter will be eligible for benefits for December of 1953 and January and February of 1954 if he worked a total of 300 hours during the months of August, September and October in 1953. It is not necessary to have worked 100 hours in any given month as long as the total number of hours worked is equal to or greater than 300.

In the first six months of the Welfare Plan's operation, it has

## Salinas Labor Takes Steps To Prevent Unemployment

First tangible step to make more employment opportunities throughout the area was taken last week by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, Secretary Alfred J. Clark announced.

Letters were sent by the council to city councils, the county board of supervisors, fire districts, the state prison and other public bodies, asking that public employees be discouraged from taking part time jobs.

Clark explained that when part-time jobs are usurped by public employees, work is not being spread around to those who are unemployed. Where a person has a public job, he or she should leave civilian work to others, he added.

The action of the council was authorized at its last meeting, Clark said. Teamsters Union 890 has taken similar action to spread work, he added.

Council business at the last meeting also included steps to set up the Christmas Party Committee as a permanent organization, with authority to conduct its program all year to make the parties more successful.

Carl Lara, chairman of last year's Christmas party, resigned the post. Lara, now a painting contractor, is no longer a council delegate. He has agreed to assist in the parties, however.

Secretary Clark was instructed to attend the coming Workmen's Compensation Conference in San Francisco, Feb. 13-14, and Former President R. A. Wood was named to the executive board of the American Heritage Foundation. Council adjournment followed a minute of silence in dedication to the late T. V. Moore, member of Barbers Union 827 who died two weeks ago.

## Salinas Work Pickup Hoped

Two members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas were called to a sewer job last week, lending hope that the employment famine may be nearing an end.

Bus. Agt. Wray D. Empe of Local 272 said he has been informed that a large amount of new construction is due as soon as weather conditions permit.

Only small jobs are under way at present. Latest to start was a blacktop repair project on Nash Road, under Granite Construction Co.

demonstrated its value to carpenters. Since March, 1953, the Welfare Plan has paid more in benefits than any other Welfare Plan ever established in California.

## HEART BENEFIT DANCE SLATED

A benefit dance will be held this Saturday night at Hotel San Carlos, with net proceeds to go to the Heart Association's current fund campaign.

The dance is being sponsored by Hotel, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 and tickets are \$1.20 each. No further details were announced for publication here.

## IBEW Gains Pact With Motor Shops

A new motor shop agreement has been negotiated by Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, effective January 1, and boosting the wage scale by 5 cents an hour, Union Representative Dial H. Miles reports. In addition, the apprentice scale was boosted to conform with the construction rates.

Glen Sales has been named recording secretary of IBEW Local 243, succeeding P. M. Lindeman, who has moved to Washington.

## Teachers Tell Why Join Union

Members of Monterey County Teachers Union 1020 responded nobly to a union survey on the question of why they had joined the union. Report on the survey was given in the last issue of the Monterey County Teacher, union publication.

Replies to the query were almost unanimous on two counts—teachers wanted to belong to an organization not controlled by administrators and they wanted the backing of organized labor.

## Window Washer Firm Cleared

Dispute between Laborers Union 690 of Monterey and a window washing firm employed on projects at Fort Ord was settled last week, it was reported.

Union authorities said the contractor has cleared up matters in regard to payment of union welfare fund costs.

## Local Unionists Check Disputes In Modesto Area

First hand information was gained by various building trades union representatives of this area last week regarding the prolonged and bitter union strike in the Modesto area.

Local business agents traveled to Modesto on Thursday for a luncheon and tour to the strike area where the anti-union campaign of contractors is being fought by A. F. of L. unions.

Making the trip were George E. Jenkins, president of the county Building Trades Council and secretary of Monterey Laborers Union 690; Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 and president of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, and M. A. Isaksen, of Monterey Painters Union 272, all from Monterey.

Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925; Wray D. Empe, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, and Dial Miles, secretary and business representative of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243, all from Salinas.

The local delegation conferred with the steering committee in charge of the 30 odd picket lines in the Modesto area, it was reported.

## Bramblett Says He Won't Run!

Ernest K. Bramblett, congressman from the 13th district and a resident of Pacific Grove, announced late last month that he would not seek re-election. The congressman is under federal indictment for payroll padding. He has served since 1946, when he was a surprise victor over George E. Outland, Santa Barbara. Republican candidate for congress in the district is expected to be Charles M. Teague, Ventura lawyer and an Eisenhower supporter.

## Hawley, Union Auditor, Dies

George Hawley, formerly of San Jose and more recently serving the Northern California District Council of Laborers, died in San Francisco last week of complications following a heart attack.

Hawley was well known in this area, having succeeded Mel Lowe, as auditor for Laborer unions after Lowe became head of the Laborer Health and Welfare Fund.



# Monterey County Union Directory

## Salinas Union Directory

**BAKERS 24**—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

**BARBERS 827**—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Herb Ridgeway, 224 Obbot St., phone 3470; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

**BRICK MASONS**—Meets 2nd Tues. Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

**BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY**—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

**BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)**—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead, Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849; Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

**CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR**—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

**CARPENTERS 925**—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. L. Martin, 1420 Del Monte, phone 7841; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

**CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)**—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City, Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

**CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Velma Holcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

**CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL**—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-7242; Vice-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thilgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)**, Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Sec.-Treas., Alford J. Clark, Office in Glickburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7787.

**DRY CLEANERS 258-B**—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Staten; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243**—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

**ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39**—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-135.

**FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS**—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec. Chas. Snyder, Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

**HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355**—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glickburg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

**LABORERS 272**—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empe, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

**LATHERS 122**—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph 4-6262; Sec. and B. A. Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson Salinas ph 2-2906.

**LAUNDRY WORKERS 258**—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Stewes, 1314 Second Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824**—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

**OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)**—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

**PAINTERS 1104**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres. Ona Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2307; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln, Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

**PLASTERERS 763**—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B. A., Carl Smith, phone 2-2565.

**PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503**—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John S. McCall; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

**POSTAL CARRIERS 1046**—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

**PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assn. Union)**—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Edward C. Bey, 205 Padozo, phone 2-4428; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Myers, 217 Maryal Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

**RETAIL CLERKS 839**—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestay, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

**ROOFERS 50**—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alcop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

**STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611**—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Paul Funchess, P. O. Box 1744, Carmel, phone 7-3351; Rec. Sec., Joseph A. Cain, 131 Arthur, Watsonville, phone 4-5842; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

**SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20816**—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

**TEACHERS 1020**—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890**—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson, Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL 543**—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

## 60 Killed on Job In Calif. in Nov.

Sixty California workers were killed in on-the-job accidents recorded in November 1953, the State Division of Industrial Relations reports.

Falls claimed the lives of nine workers. A retail sales clerk fractured her skull when she fell in the store, striking her head on the floor. Two ironworkers fell from a bridge scaffold when the scaffold slipped from its moorings. Falls from horses brought death to two ranch hands. A carpenter's helper fell to his death from a ramp, and a carpenter who was walking on a narrow brick wall slipped and fell 20 feet to the concrete floor. A maintenance man was fatally injured in a fall from a ladder. Another maintenance worker fell while climbing into a truck, striking his head on the ground.

Five workers lost their lives in explosions. A black powder explosion in a chemicals manufacturing plant killed a helper and a laborer. A painter standing near a sandblasting unit was killed when a welded seam on the sandblasting tank failed under excessive air pressure, and the tank exploded. A cutting torch ignited gasoline vapors in a garage, fatally burning a repair foreman who was using the torch on a truck just outside the garage. Two tank trucks caught fire and exploded inside a refinery, fatally burning a driver who was riding in one of the trucks.

Two workers were electrocuted. A night crew member in a foundry contacted a sand conditioning machine while a faulty electric connection on the machine was being repaired. He received a fatal shock. A cesspool worker, walking alongside a portable drilling rig, was electrocuted when the bottom of the rig contacted an overhead high-voltage line.

Excavation accidents killed two workers. A huge rock slide down a trench bank crushing a plumber to death. In another accident, a 15-foot section of a trench collapsed on a laborer who was working in the ditch ahead of the shoring.

Some of the other fatal accidents recorded in November are described below:

A laborer was operating a lumber yard jitney which went out of control and struck an upright timber, shearing it off. The heavy timber fell on the worker and crushed him.

A worker was killed when struck by a dump truck which was backing up.

A high lift operator in a paper box factory died after he was struck by a bale of waste paper that fell from the forks of the truck.

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**BARBERS 896**—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Mercurio, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. J. Boyne; Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, phone 2-1127.

**BARTENDERS 483**—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Secy.-Treas., Robt. F. Armstrong, Office at 313, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

**BRICK MASONS**—Meets 2nd Tues. Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

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**CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL**—Pres., Otto E. Neaver; Gen. Sec., James F. Ward, 1095 Market St., San Francisco; Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

**CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR**—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

**CARPENTERS 1323**—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., E. E. Norman, Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thilgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 2-7511, home phone 5-7242.

**CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674**—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Mrs. Nora Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, phone 2-4231; Sec., Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Emil Kouba, 231 Lobos, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1873.

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**CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)**—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Nels Pederson, phone 2-5062; Sec. Treas., Russel E. Hansen, office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6734.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072**—Meets 2nd Monday 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracey, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroat, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agt., LeRoy Hasty, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse St., phone 5-4632.

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**FISH CANNERY WORKERS**—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Tony Alves, 492 Webster, phone 5-5869; Sec.-Treas., Roy Humbrecht, 509 Granite, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 919 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman St., phone 2-4571.

**FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)**—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3125.

**HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 463**—Meets 1st Weds., 8:30 p.m., 3rd Weds., 2:30 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., Robert S. Harrington, Box 539, P. G., phone 2-4745; Sec.-Treas., Robert F. Armstrong, office 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6734.

**LABORERS 690**—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Holt; Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey, Office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-8456.

**LATHERS 122**—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph 4-6262; Sec. and B. A. Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

**MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192**—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, phone 2-0579.

**MUSICIANS 616**—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis E. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster, Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

**PAINTERS 272**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

**PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337**—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

**PLUMBERS STEAMFITTERS 62**—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Bernie Warrington, 1352 Military Ave., Seaside; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdovac, P.O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec.-Bus. Agt., John Grisin, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

**POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292**—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-5215; Sec. and B. A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Real, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

**ROOFERS 50**—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alcop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250 Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

**STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611**—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Paul Funchess, P. O. Box 1744, Carmel, phone 7-3351; Rec. Sec., Joseph A. Cain, 131 Arthur, Watsonville, phone 4-5842; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

**TEACHERS 1020**—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres. John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel, Salinas; Sec.-Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Main office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Monterey office, 778 Hawthorne St., phone 2-0124.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759**—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 De la Vina, ph. 5-5406.

## Ike Is Urged to Call Conference On Unemployment

Detroit (LPA) — Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers has asked President Eisenhower to "call at the earliest practicable date a board, representative conference to discuss ways and means of maintaining full production and full employment."

At the same time, Reuther forwarded to Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell the UAW's legislative proposals to help meet the problem of growing unemployment. They had been adopted at the UAW's National Full Employment conference in Washington in December.

In his letter to Eisenhower, Reuther pointed out that the Detroit area alone has 107,000 without jobs, 7 percent of the labor force, with more layoffs expected. These included 40,000 laid off by Chrysler, 8000 by Hudson, 9500 by Nash, 7900 by Packard, and 9000 by Studebaker.

The adhesive on the envelope was hardly dry when Packard announced the layoff of another 7500 and Chrysler another 2700. This was accomplished by a statement from Henry Ford II saying unemployment in Detroit "doesn't amount to a hill of beans" and "there is no cause for pessimism and gloom." He told a press conference in Philadelphia that he was at a loss to understand why anyone would predict a recession for 1954.

In Miami, Fla., Eisenhower's Postmaster General, Arthur Summerfield, an ex-car dealer addressing the National Automobile Dealer Association, said the auto industry has "no cause for alarm" and that 1954 will be its best year since 1951. He didn't mention the workers except to say that 35% of the nation's families "still do not own an automobile" and thus should be a "big market still to be tapped."

Reuther pointed to the Census Bureau's calculations of unemployment, which set the national figure at 1,850,000 in early December, compared with 1,162,000 in early October, a rise of 59% in two months. But, with the labor force down 700,000 instead of up that much to account for natural growth, this means, he said, "that in addition to officially reported unemployment of 1,850,000... there were 1,400,000 persons who would have been working or looking for work had there been greater possibilities of finding jobs."

He warned the President: "Clearly, a recession has set in. So far the decline has been small over-all, but its impact has been severe in some industries and areas, particularly in farm equipment. This decline is a warning that can be ignored only at our peril. Past experience warns that minor dips can spiral into full-blown depressions if vigorous corrective action is not taken quickly."

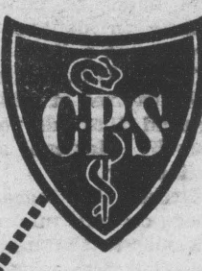
## USF Announces Labor Course To Start Feb. 23

The University of San Francisco will offer courses in various labor subjects "to bona fide union members" and representatives of management.

Starting Feb. 23 (with registration on Feb. 20) classes will be given in parliamentary practice, the Taft-Hartley Law, speech writing, human relations, public speaking, industrial ethics and labor-management. More information can be had by calling SKYline 2-1000.

## Aid Handicapped

Washington (LPA) — The executive board of the Chemical Workers has donated \$250 to the American Federation of Physically Handicapped. President Swisher is a vice-president of AFPH.



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## MONEY BEFORE LIFE—

# BABY REFUSED BY HOSPITAL, SO IT DIES

Chicago officials are "looking into" circumstances in the death of an infant girl, scalded by hot oil, but refused admission to a hospital because her mother could not pay cash-on-the-line, according to United Press.

Coroner Walter McCarron promised an inquest before the State Hospital Board. Mrs. Irene Lingo, 23, testified at a preliminary hearing that Woodlawn Hospital refused to admit her badly burned baby on January 18 because she could not pay \$100 deposit.

"It's hard to believe this could happen in America," the coroner commented.

"I believe the little baby would have lived if she had been given the proper blood or glucose," said Dr. H. N. Bundesen, president of Chicago Board of Health.

A Woodlawn attendant bandaged the baby and gave Mrs. Lingo a note admitting the child to the County Hospital, but it took her an hour and a half in heavy traffic to reach the hospital and the baby died next day.

She said she pleaded with Woodlawn she would pay the fee in weekly or monthly installments.

## Cal. Assemblyman New Labor Council Secy. in Fresno

(State Fed. Release)

Wallace D. Henderson, state assemblyman from Fresno, was last week elected secretary of the AFL Fresno Labor Council.

Henderson succeeds the late Chet Cary who died of a heart attack on Christmas Eve. Cary was also a member of the Fresno City Council.

The new secretary will be a candidate for re-election to the legislature in the June primaries. He now represents the 32nd Assembly District in the lower house.

However, Henderson announced he will resign his present post as international vice president of the AFL Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers Union.

Meanwhile, another Fresno AFL leader was named to replace Cary on the city council. Ted C. Willis, secretary-treasurer of the Creamery Employees and Drivers, Local 517, was elected to the vacant post by the remaining four council members at a special meeting held last Tuesday.

Willis is a former president of the Fresno Labor Council and is currently a member of the council executive board. He is chairman of the negotiating committee of the California Manufacturing Milk Employees and is also on the negotiating body for the Joint Council of Teamsters 38. He is a past president of the Teamsters Western States Dairy Council.

## State Tax Exempt Forms for Unions

(State Fed. Release)

The State Franchise Tax Board this week announced availability of forms putting into effect the anti-subversive tax exemption measure adopted by the 1953 general session of the state legislature.

The new law requires that any individual or organization requesting a tax exemption, must sign and file a non-Communist affidavit as a condition of obtaining such exemption.

The requirement is particularly important to labor unions since most of them claim exemption from the corporation tax under the State Franchise Tax Department.

Full information, together with blank forms, may be obtained by writing John J. Campbell, Executive Officer, State Franchise Tax Board, Sacramento 14.

## More Layoffs— Job Decline Is the Most Since 1940

The increase in unemployment by 422,000 from last November to December was the biggest for that period since 1940. In more recent years seasonal declines in agricultural and construction work have been more than offset by the number of persons getting temporary holiday jobs.

In 1952 unemployment dropped 6,000 from November to December. In 1951, the decline was 150,000 and in 1950, 11,000. The largest previously recorded increase in the jobless for the period was 230,000 in 1945, when the economy was converting from war to peace.

Near the start of the pre-Korea recession in 1948, the number of unemployed rose 110,000 from November to December.

## Hire Americans, Farmers Are Urged

William A. Burkett, Director of Employment, last week said there is no truth to reports that he had refused to talk with four representatives of the British government who wished to send 500 unemployed British West Indians to Ventura county to pick lemons.

Burkett said that during his 65 days in office he has talked repeatedly to British representatives. He said he has informed the British group and also William Tolbert, Manager of the Ventura Citrus Growers Association, that California "will not be allowed to become a dumping ground for the unemployed of other countries."

Burkett said he will continue to carry out Governor Goodwin J. Knight's request to keep California jobs filled by Californians and he urged unemployed farm workers to register for job openings at local offices of the Department of Employment.

"I was not discourteous to the British representatives," Burkett declared. "But because of their pressure, as well as the organized pressure from Mr. Tolbert, I had to be firm, consequently Mr. Tolbert has withdrawn his request to bring 500 unemployed British West Indians to Ventura County."

Burkett disclosed that he has ordered an official investigation of the employment of foreign agricultural workers in California. He said he will ask the Advisory Council on Employment Service, which is appointed by the Governor to call witnesses from organized labor and grower groups throughout the state.

Burkett said that with California's two billion dollar agricultural production last year he was not satisfied that the Department of Employment had done everything possible to provide growers with farm workers who are American citizens. He said that Mexican National farm laborers sent more than 30 million dollars back to Mexico last year, and ways and means should be found immediately to have these millions of dollars paid to American farm workers who are unemployed in California.

## 9 Sons in Service

Trescow, Pa. (LPA) — In a record perhaps unmatched for patriotism, all the nine sons of George Yurkanin, member of the United Mine Workers since 1907, have served in the nation's defense forces. Six were in World War II, one was wounded. The three youngest are still in uniform.

## Tax Relief



## 'SECURITY RISK' -- GOP SCHEME

(AFL Release)

Following announcement of plans by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, AFL, to launch a program of truth to halt the "vicious defamation" of government employees, Joseph and Stewart Alsop said the Administration claims of dismissed "security risks" was no more than a scheme to try to "grab the Commie issue away from Joe McCarthy."

The Alsops, New York Herald-Tribune syndicated columnists, said "there was not a single case of actual subversion in all the State Department security firings—and it is doubtful that there was one such case throughout the government."

The strategy sold President Eisenhower, the columnists declared, in making repeated boasts about dismissing first 1,456 and later 2,200 security risks, was to make it appear that the new Administration had found the government crawling with subversives, and that it had cleaned them out.

"To swell the total, the files of State Department employees who were in the process of resigning were scrutinized," the Alsops said. "In the raw files of any government worker who is not a zombie there is bound to be some morsel of gossip which can be labeled 'derogatory information.' Wherever there was the slightest excuse in the files, the names of those who were resigning were added—without their knowledge—to the grand total of State Department security firings."

The Post Office Clerks warned that "the steady piling up of untrue charges and false accusations is making nearly two million Americans suspect in the eyes of their fellow citizens and is seriously impairing the efficient operation of the government."

One of the effects, said the federation, was shown in a recent Gallup poll, which reported that 70 percent of American parents are against their children taking up public careers.

## ROBS UNION SAFE

Burbank, Calif. (LPA) — Burglary of a safe in the office of Lodge 758 Machinists, with \$405 taken, led to arrest of a 23-year-old escapee from a Tennessee penal farm, who admitted that theft and two other "jobs" here, and named his accomplice. Roof and ceiling were badly damaged by culprits gaining entrance.

## Making Ends Meet—

# Family Food Bill This Year To Be Same as '53—High!

By NANCY PRATT

Food is playing an increasingly important part in the family budget. Today, if your income is between \$2000 and \$4000 a year, chances are you have to spend about 40 cents of the household dollar to feed the family.

Your food bill for 1954 should remain about the same as last year according to present predictions. Meats, a major item in most budgets, should be about as plentiful although there will be fewer good buys in the choicer cuts of beef. Forecasts are for a larger supply of poultry and veal and less lamb.

Your best buy in citrus fruits should be grapefruit, especially in the next month. Other foods to feature for February include chicken, potatoes, onions, cabbage and dried limas.

## PRUNES AND PEARS

Use fruits in season by substituting pears for apples the next time you make Waldorf salad. Pears are also delicious with stewed prunes for a fruit compote.

Keep a supply of "stewed" prunes on hand the easy way by softening them up in the refrigerator. Simply fill a jar three-quarters full with dried uncoked prunes, cover with water and store for not less than three days. To bring out their flavor, add a slice of lemon to the mixture.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To do away with all traces of onion order from your hands, wash them with chlorophyll tooth paste or rinse them in vinegar.

A mixture of salt and vinegar will easily clean unlacquered brass or copperware.

## CUTTING COSTS

For many women, wise buying and budgeting is only part of their contribution to balancing family budgets. The fact that most women go to work in order to meet high living costs is pointed up by a recent Census report on working mothers. This report shows that only one out of every 10 wives with children worked full time when the husband's income was between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year. Where husbands earned less than \$2,000, however, more than twice that number of women held full time jobs outside the home in addition to bringing up a family.

## UNION LABEL

Every time you buy union label—

ed goods you're getting in a vote for union skills and working conditions. Like voting, each individual choice adds up to a demand that proves it's "good business" to sell union-made goods. Don't pass up the chance to make your consumer vote count. Insist on products that bear the union label.

## CANCER: Most Curable of Major Diseases

Of the major causes of death, cancer is among the most curable. A few instances of the ability to cure and actual cures of cancer, according to the records compiled by the American Cancer Society, follow:

If properly and promptly treated, 75 per cent of breast cancers are curable—but only 35 per cent are being cured; 75 per cent of cases of cancer of the larynx are curable—only 15 per cent are being cured; 70 per cent of cases of cancer of the uterus are curable, only 30 per cent are being cured.

The reason for the tragic difference between the curability of different types of cancer and actual cures achieved is not lack of professional and technical ability, but the delay between the appearance of cancer's signs and the start of adequate treatment.

The American Cancer Society points out that the average patient with cancer of the larynx delays three and one-half months after he becomes hoarse before seeking a doctor's help. Men with cancer of the bladder wait on an average five months after the appearance of blood in the urine before seeking professional opinion. Similar delays occur in all other forms of cancer, including delays up to 13 months in cases of cancer of the skin.

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## Ike's Worst Enemies

At the conclusion of his first year in the White House, President Eisenhower has been given a sharp reminder that his real enemies are the reactionaries within his own party.

Perhaps it would be well for President Eisenhower on his first anniversary in office to take cognizance of the fact that the Brickers, the McCarthys and the Jenners within his own party are just as bitterly opposed to him now as before his nomination. If the President once fully realized this truth, he might stop trying to appease them and proceed courageously with a progressive program which would win bipartisan support.

## Not To Be Taken Lightly

Some people belittle the implication of the Government's figures on unemployment, which rose between November and December by 422,000 to a total of 1,850,000, because they include thousands of so-called "marginal" workers who are out of a job.

Such "marginal" workers may include a factory worker's wife or a truck driver's son who has been picking up extra money but who has been laid off because of a decline in business.

But when the wife or son is dropped from a payroll, that can well mean the family will not get that new radio or television set, automobile or refrigerator it had planned to buy.

When "X" number of families cannot buy the items they would otherwise purchase, the spiral is started downward—the retailer sells less, the manufacturer makes less, more men and women are made jobless, etc., etc.

The time to plan and act is before the downward sweep gets beyond control.

## Congress Must Act

A leading journal of the real estate industry, House and Home, published by Henry Luce of Time and Life, says:

"The dramatic rise of the new homebuilding industry was perhaps the greatest single factor in Truman prosperity. Its collapse could be the biggest single factor in an Eisenhower depression."

This must not happen. As Sen. Thomas Hennings (D., Mo.) says, Congress must protect the country as well as the building industry from a collapse which will lead to another general depression.

## Taft-Hartley Message

The White House mountain labored and, after a year, brought forth a Taft-Hartley mouse.

Inadequate is the word for the piece-meal, minor amendments submitted by President Eisenhower to Congress.

The Presidential message fails to add up to an effective program for improving the law. Another opportunity for leadership has been missed.

For a real understanding of the shortcomings of the Eisenhower recommendations, we suggest a careful reading of the analysis being made by our state and national AFL leaders. three.

For a lesson in practical politics, we suggest a careful watch on what Congress does with the recommendations. As of this moment, the odds are prohibitive in Washington that Congress will make a lot of noise but accomplish nothing.



## WRAY D. EMPIE

Bus. Agt. Laborers Union 272,

Most folks believe in planning—or looking ahead. Most folks realize that earned income from their jobs or businesses will not continue forever. Old age may stop the usual income. Your death may deprive your family of that income. So it's a good idea to look twice at your Social Security protection. First, retirement insurance for you and your family when you retire at or after 65. And, second, insurance payments to your family in case of your death at any age. Chances are that you are one of more than 66½ million people now insured under the Social Security program. You probably know several people who are now receiving monthly benefit checks, survivors of insured workers who have died, or retired workers and their dependents. They are a few of the 5½ million persons now receiving Social Security benefits.

Your local Social Security office is here to serve you. Do you know all about the death and retirement benefits payable on your Social Security account? Don't depend on rumor and hearsay. Get that information first-hand from your local Social Security office. Information is available on your Social Security credits, how much you and your family will receive when you retire at age 65 or later, and how much is payable to your widow and children under age 18, or to your dependent widower, or your dependent parents. The office serving you is located at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPRESS 2-2480.

## Ike Health Speech Notes Problem of High Medical Costs

Washington (LPA) — President Eisenhower, in his health message to Congress, recognized what organized labor has stressed, and what the doctors' lobby has minimized—the problems of the high costs of medical care, and distribution of medical facilities.

"Even where the best in medical care is available," he said, "its costs are often a serious burden." Nothing that the nation's private medical care bill is now \$9 billion annually, and still rising, he said. "This illustrates the seriousness of the problem of medical costs." He added that "the means for achieving good health should be accessible to all."

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## JOKES. Etc.

"It's a genuine antique, sir."  
"But you are asking a fearful price for it."

"Well sir, look how wages and the cost of materials have gone up!"

Careful Woman—One who loses only one glove.

Woman's Intuition — Suspicion that clicked.

Gold Digger—A woman who falls in love at purse sight.

Middle-Aged Lady—A build in a girdled cage.

Modern Girl—One who sticks by the spinning wheel—until her chips give out.

Nag—A woman who has no horse sense.

Sewing Circle—A gathering in which more husbands are darned than sox.

Waitress—Woman who thinks money grows on trays.

Hell—What, even if you can lick it out of the enemy, war nevertheless is.

At the end of the number the band leader walked over to his piano player.

"You played that with feeling, Bixby," he smiled. "Now try playing it with the rest of us."

"Old George is terribly mean. Someone ought to tell him he won't be able to take it with him when he dies."

"Listen, old man, if George can't take it with him, he won't go!"

He: "Did anybody tell you how wonderful you are?" She, smiling: "I guess not." He: "Then, where'd you get the idea?"

She: "You remind me of the ocean."

He: "Wild, romantic and restless?"

She: "No, you just make me sick."

Once upon a time there was a hillbilly who was embarrassed because his wife made moonshine, but he loved her still.

To paraphrase Bobby Burns' words—If we could see ourselves as others see us, we probably wouldn't look!

Usually a worker is fired with enthusiasm, or is fired—with enthusiasm.

You can't clean up the world with soft soap. It takes grit.

Our foreign relations are an open book—generally check.

There is no pleasure in having nothing to do. The fun is having lots to do and not doing it.

A political war is one in which everybody shoots from the lip.

Wolf—a modern cleaner—works fast, leaves no ring.

A cop stopped a man from jumping off a bridge. "If you jump in," he pleaded, "I'll have to jump in after you, and while we're waiting for the ambulance we'll both get pneumonia and die. Now be a good fellow and go home and hang yourself."

A mountaineer saw his first avocado in the general store, and seemed quite puzzled about it. "Wanna try one?" asked the storekeeper.

"Nope," was the reply. "I got so many tastes now I can't satisfy, I ain't aimin' to take on any more."

There was an old man from Nantucket  
Who kept all his cash in a bucket.  
His daughter named Nan  
Ran off with a man.  
And the bucket? Nantucket.

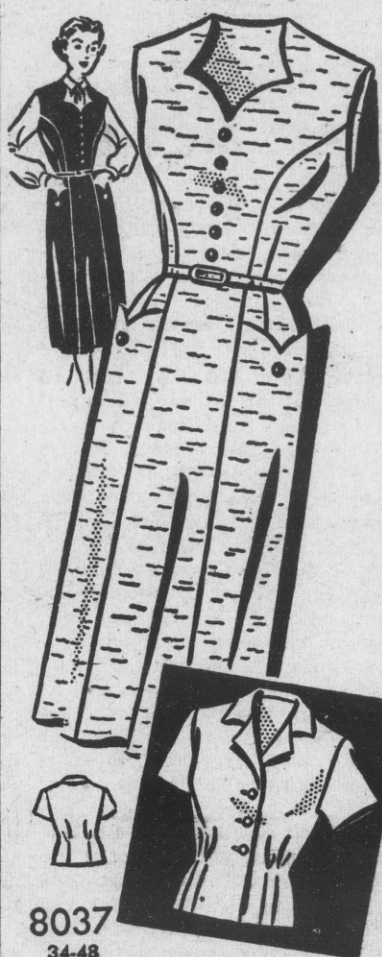
The dad followed them to Pawtucket  
Nan and her man and the bucket.  
He said to the man  
"You are welcome to Nan,"  
But as for the bucket—  
Pawtucket.

Once upon a time there was a man who sat up all night wondering where the sun went when it went down. And then it dawned on him.

Time—The one thing that doesn't fly when you try to kill it.

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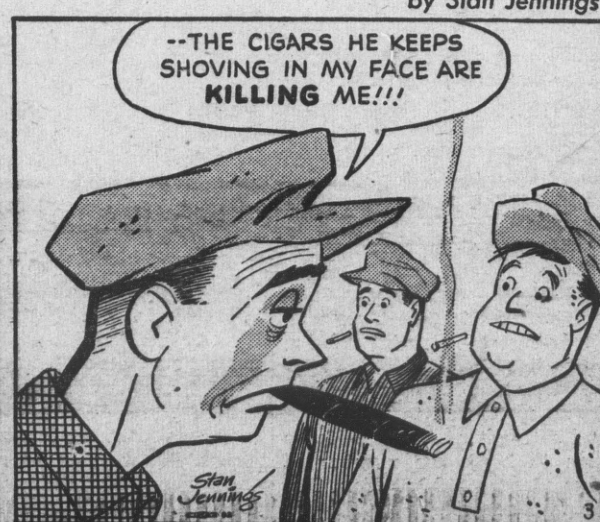
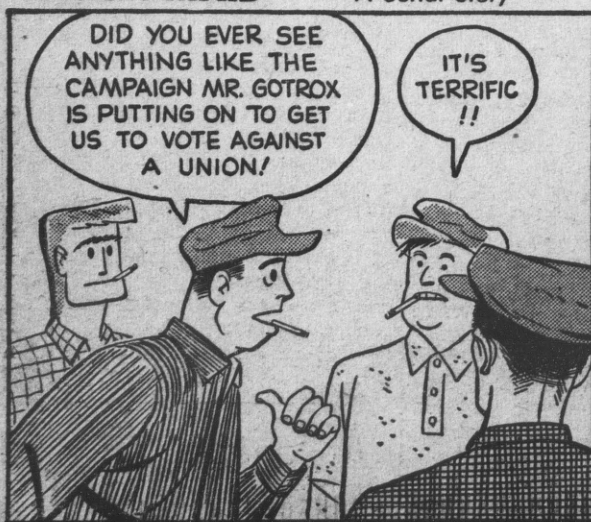
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## "UNION MAID"

—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings





**UNION CINDERELLA**—By day, Sofia Mentiel works at making lampshades and holds a membership card in New York Local 3 of the AFL Electrical Workers. By night, she is an actress on a Spanish language radio program. A native of Nicaragua, she often dons a costume of her native country to do an imitation of Carmen Miranda for her fellow Union members. (LPA)

## Annual Loss to Sickness Is 500 Million Man-Days

How do Americans pay for medical costs today?

"We hope that there will be enough rich people among those who get sick so that there will be income enough for doctors and money enough for health facilities. The only trouble is that there are not enough rich people and they don't get sick often enough, and most of them even aren't rich enough when they do get seriously ill."

So explained Executive Secretary Jerry Voorhis of the Cooperative Health Federation of America the present dependence on the fee-for-service system with doctors charging patients as much as they figure the patient can afford to pay and waiting to make such charges only after the illness occurs.

Voorhis told Congress what is needed is a prepayment system of consumer-run group practice plans with comprehensive preventive and curative treatment, where the doctor is paid to keep you well and where it's to his interest to do so.

At present, he said, American families spend an average of 5 per cent of their incomes for medical care—as much as 25 or 50 per cent if serious illness strikes and they are unprotected by insurance—and yet lose over 500 million man-days of sick time from work.

This sick-time loss is largely avoidable if the families had comprehensive health care including preventive medicine, he asserted, adding:

"The American people are actually paying as much for medical care as they would have to pay for comprehensive care if only the money were spent in the right way.

"Nearly half the population has some form of hospitalization insurance—and about a quarter of us have insurance against costs of some medical or surgical care. But hardly more than 15 per cent of the total cost of medical care to the people is paid through insurance, broadly defined.

### INSURANCE PLANS

"Most of the insurance plans are limited to care in the hospital after the sickness has become acute. But at least two-thirds of what families spend for medical care goes for the day-to-day non-acute illnesses—for basic doctors' care and medicines in the early or chronic stages of disease. The real 'catastrophe' thus far is that we have done so comparatively little about preventing the catastrophes of illness from occurring!

"But it is hard to do this with commercial insurance of which any type of plan which fails to give both doctor and patient a positive and financial incentive to keep the patient well.

"It is the first calls upon the doctor which are the most risky field of health insurance from a commercial point of view. Yet they are the most important calls

of all from the standpoint of the nation's health.

"What we need most of all is a method whereby we can pay our doctors for keeping the people well. At present the problem is that doctors generally receive their income only when people get sick, and the sicker the people are the bigger the doctor's income. This is really backwards. . . . "Wise corporations would much rather pay salaries to their corporation attorneys for keeping them out of trouble rather than for fighting law suits after they are in trouble. We want to treat our doctors in the same way and thus enable them to practice the kind of preventive medicine and health maintenance which they really want to practice."

Advocating consumer "control of the quality of medical care," Voorhis stressed that "this is not at all a proposal for laymen in any way to interfere with the practice of medicine. . . .

"We mean the right to pick good doctors instead of poor ones, the right to provide good diagnostic and therapeutic equipment, the right to bring enough general practitioners and specialists to a community to meet the needs of the people.

"We mean the right to have five doctors in a town where they had two before, the right to bring in specialists on a part-time basis instead of making people go to a distant city, the right to insist that the doctors keep medical records and otherwise conform to good standards of practice, the right to install \$50,000 worth of x-ray and other equipment so that the doctors can practice better medicine," he explained.

## More Layoffs—B&O Drops 5,000 More Rail Workers

**Baltimore.**—The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad laid off 5,000 more workers to bring to 11,000 the total number of employees furloughed since Jan. 1. That represents one-fifth of the work force in the 13 states the B. & O. serves between New York City and Washington in the East and Chicago and St. Louis in the Midwest.

The new layoffs were made in Baltimore and Cumberland, Md.; DuBois and Glenwood, Pa.; Ivorydale and Lorain, Ohio, and Washington, Ind.

## If You Give, Bud, Then Give Here!

(AFL Release)

Labor's League for Political Education's campaign to elect a liberal Congress in 1954 is under way.

Three immediate objectives are:

1—To make sure that all trade unionists are registered and eligible to vote this year.

2—To begin a drive for \$1 voluntary contributions for political work from every AFL member.

3—To help select candidates for Congress and other offices, who will appeal to the people and serve them well when elected, and to conduct winning campaigns.

The chief objective of the 1954 campaign—the election of a liberal Congress—can be attained only if these three immediate objectives are realized.

Every local AFL union will be asked to set up registration committees to get all their members—and the adult members of their families and their friends—registered and eligible to vote.

The \$1 voluntary contribution which LLPE will seek from every AFL member will be used by the national league to help elect friendly Senators and Representatives.

One-half of the contributions will be sent back to the states for use in Congressional campaigns by league units there.

## CHURCHILL HITS IKE'S 'STRIKE VOTE'

(AFL Release)

**London.**—Prime Minister Winston Churchill flatly rejected a proposal that he seek legislation requiring a secret ballot of workers under government auspices before a strike could be considered legal.

Questioned in the House of Commons whether he would support such a proposal, which is almost identical with the recommendation made by President Eisenhower to the United States Congress, Churchill replied:

"No, sir. The government has no intention of departing from the established tradition in this country, under which the trade union movement is left to manage its own affairs to the fullest possible extent without government interference.

"I am advised that the disadvantages of your proposal would greatly outweigh any advantages."

Churchill's statement was in reply to the question addressed to him by a fellow Conservative, Sir Waldron Smithers, who was jeered by Labor members of Parliament for advancing antistrike suggestions.

The move to restrict strikes was occasioned by a series of shut-downs by members of the Electrical Trades Union, described as a Communist-led organization. Employers retaliated with lockouts even broader than the token strikes. Unrest is reported spreading among many of the British trade unions because of increased living costs and continued tight clamps on wage increases.

## Pin Him Down!

Don't let a candidate for Congress throw dust in your eyes.

When he asks you to support him for election, pin him down. Don't let him stand up, talk about Socialism and Communism and then sit down.

Ask him where he stands on Social Security.

On Housing.

On Taft-Hartley.

On health insurance.

On public power.

Make him be specific. Don't let him wiggle. Pin him down.

## GIVE! GIVE! (SUCKERS)

# \$4 MILLION FOR 'CHARITY' PLEA IS POCKETED

Calif. State Attorney General has been talking with Hollywood Gossip Columnist Jimmy Fidler to find out why "not one penny" of the \$4 million he collected for the "National Kids Day Foundation" has been spent for charity, according to the S.F. Chronicle.

Atty. General Pat Brown said he will go to court probably this week to see that what is left out of this big "take" is certain to go to underprivileged children, where it was meant for. About \$320,000 remains.

The "nonprofit" corporation was founded by Fidler supposedly to help underprivileged children. Some hot-shot can-shakers were hired, professional charity fund raising firms from Chicago, and practically all the money given by gullible people—mostly wage-earners—has gone for "expenses", the state charges.

The big-time mail order drive for funds was conducted by "Gayton Associates" and "Empire Industries, both owned by Ralph Stolkin, punchboard operator.

Names of Bing Crosby and other celebrities were used in letters, though these people long ago ordered their names withdrawn. One letter over Crosby's signature said: "Here's a grand way to help kids who aren't getting the breaks they should. Whatever you can give will be wisely invested to bring happiness and health to youngsters needing special care, and attention. So please don't delay—send what you can TODAY!"

Give, sucker—help the poor promoters. This incident blackens all the high-pressure give campaigns foisted on the public during the year—money-raising promotions that should largely be eliminated and replaced by national health insurance, government funds for disease research, and sensible help for the underprivileged.

Working people are much concerned with this situation because it is now a proven fact that they give 90 percent of the amount raised in these beg-campaigns—the wealthy folk are too stingy and probably too smart!

Your obligation to your union doesn't end with the payment of dues. Attend meetings and take part in union affairs!

## Brownlow Warns Against Monopoly In Atomic Energy

**Washington (LPA)**—While supporting a role for private industry in the development of atomic industry for civilian use, organized labor insists "such use be strictly competitive at all times," President James A. Brownlow of the AFL Metal Trades Department said in a panel discussion on the subject, with industry leaders taking part.

Urging adequate safeguards to protect the public interest and curb monopoly in the atomic field, he said: "I think it is important to keep in mind the attitude of some of the companies operating atomic energy plants today. This is an attitude that they have the only 'know-how' in the operation of these plants, they are indispensable, and as such a law unto themselves.

"Very frankly, it has been my experience with some of the companies—and particularly when we were tied up with a no-strike pledge which we adhered to—that they would take a pretty arbitrary position with us."

Brownlow praised the efforts of the Atomic Energy Commission's labor relations panel, but added that he could say "without equivocation" labor would prefer to have atomic operations carried on by private industry. At the same time, "it would be intolerable to permit private monopoly in any phase or segment of the atomic energy industry," he warned.

### NEWSPAPER BALL

**New York (LPA)**—With the appointment of Harry Crone, ILGWU publicist, as chairman of the Page One Ball Committee, the New York Newspaper Guild is already working on packing the vast ballroom of the Hotel Commodore on May 14.

## Displays Available



The AFL Workers Education Bureau displayed its new literature booth, available to state federations, locals and international unions for convention and other display, as the Industrial Relations Research Association held its sessions at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. D. C. Caroline Hodgins, of WEB, was on duty to answer questions.



# TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS  
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**INTL. TEACHERS' UNION  
OPENS AMERICAN OFFICE**  
Chicago.—The Intl. Federation of Free Teachers' Unions, with which the American Federation of Teachers is affiliated, announces the opening of an American office at 28 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill. (The European offices are at 9-11 Place Fontainas, Brussels, Belgium. M. Van de Moortel is general secretary.) Irvin R. Kuenzli, of Chicago, is president of the organization.

The international teachers' organization, which was organized in 1951 under the sponsorship of the Intl. Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), represents approximately 750,000 union teachers in ten nations of the free world. Mr. Kuenzli was elected the first president in 1951 and is now serving his second two-year term. The American Federation of Teachers played a large part in organizing the IFFTU. Recent conventions of the AFT have directed the officers of the organization to work toward establishing an international teachers' union organization, and toward strengthening teachers' unions throughout the democratic world.

The new American office will be devoted to strengthening democracy in the United States and throughout the world through the two great forces of education and labor. A fundamental goal of the IFFTU is to unite the union teachers of the free world within the international labor movement as a powerful force for defending the rights of teachers, for protecting free government, for assisting to carry out the objectives of the United Nations, and for promoting permanent peace in the world.

The American office of IFFTU will provide speakers, press service, and general information in the

field of labor and education in world affairs. Special emphasis will be placed upon the importance of international teacher unionism in strengthening the programs of action of local unions in the United States.

Further information may be secured by writing to: Intl. Federation of Free Teachers' Unions, 28 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.  
—FRED CLAYSON.

## Govt.-Conducted Vote In All Strikes One Of Ike's T-H Proposals

Washington (LPA)—President Eisenhower's long-awaited recommendations on Taft-Hartley Act changes were sent to Congress on Jan. 11. The 14 prescribed changes contained nothing that brought joy to labor leaders, but one surprise proposal—for a secret, government supervised strike vote at the onset of any strike—brought immediate and strong protest from union officials.

The Wall Street Journal, voice of business interests, noted that this proposal and one other—to give states authority to curb so-called local emergency strikes—"were both welcomed by businessmen." The paper conceded that there were "pleasant surprises" for business in the proposals but "none for unions."

Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R., N.J.) of the Senate Labor Committee immediately introduced a bill to carry out the President's proposals, though some controversy developed later at a press conference held by Secretary of Labor Mitchell as to whether the federal strike vote provision in the Smith Bill was what the President intended.

### OLDER DRIVERS' VISION

Night driving is more dangerous for motorists who have reached or passed middle age than it is for younger people. Even though actual vision remains as good as ever, or is corrected by glasses, resistance to glare decreases with age and the result is that older persons are much less able to distinguish objects when confronted by the glare of approaching headlights.

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# Press for Start on Giant Feather River Project

With north state rain waters flooding down the rivers and wasting into the sea, and with south-state water needs mounting to the crisis state, the need for quick action on start of the huge Feather River Project has catapulted its way right onto the main stage, front and center, at Sacramento.

## Are You Registered?

You are not if you:

- \*Moved since the last election, or failed to vote then.
- \*Just turned 21.
- \*Have never been registered.

If you aren't registered you're only half a union man. You may have been a Solomon on the negotiating committee, a whirlwind on the picket line, as faithful in attending union meetings as in sitting down to meals; but if you aren't registered you can't help your union brothers make known the political consequences of their economic position.

Pork chops these days ARE politics. The bosses have learned something since the 1930's, when they reluctantly gave up trying to frighten, starve and bully us out of a living wage.

They saw that labor's front rank was solid; it just didn't yield to frontal assault. But labor had left its flank unprotected. And that's where the bosses went to work.

Since 1946, they've managed to take away about half of the chartered freedoms we had under the Roosevelt Administration. The result? Injunctions are selling like hotcakes.

This isn't going to stop unless we stop it. We can stop it by seeing to it that every mother's son and everyone connected with him is eligible to vote.

Start talking it up now: to your family, to your friends, to the men who work alongside you. Asking, "Are you registered to vote yet?" is an easy habit to get into. Form it.

## Meany Hits Plan For Tax Relief to Dividend Receivers

Washington (LPA)—AFL President Meany has assailed the House Ways and Means Committee proposal to give special tax relief to dividend recipients.

He called it "a bold attempt to use the label of 'technical revision' to open up a new area of legalized tax escape to wealthier taxpayers who already enjoy preferred treatment under existing tax laws."

Writing to Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R., NY), chairman of the committee, Meany said "there is neither economic nor moral justification in this move to create preferred classes of income for tax purposes. Certainly there can be no argument that the \$3000 or \$4000 accruing to a stockholder as dividends should be accorded preferential tax treatment over the income accruing to a farmer, factory employee, or professional worker from their labor. Yet this is precisely what the Ways and Means Committee proposes to do."

Meany said the proposal "comes as a shock to the great majority of Americans", and its adoption would mean a revenue loss of \$240 million in fiscal 1955, and \$1.2 billion within three years.

Meany pointed out that on a \$5000 income from dividends, the saving to the stockholder in taxable income would be \$247.50 the first year, rising to \$735 in the third year, "over and above all other exemptions accruing to him under the law."

This proposal, Meany wrote, comes when the great majority of American taxpayers with incomes much less than \$5000 "bear a disproportionately heavy share of the federal as well as state and local taxes. It deserves general condemnation."

## More Layoffs— Penn. RR Lays Off Repair Workers

Philadelphia.—The Pennsylvania Railroad laid off 600 to 700 heavy repair workers because of "a continuing drop in business, which leaves the railroad no alternative."

A spokesman said the layoffs will affect workers in Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Ind., and Pittsburgh, Renovo and Altoona, Pa. He said about 300 employees at the Altoona works are involved.

Attend Meetings!

## YOUR 1954 CALENDAR

February 12—Lincoln's birthday (Friday).  
February 14—Valentine's day.  
February 22—Washington's birthday (Monday).  
March 15—Last day to file income tax.  
March 17—St. Patrick's Day.  
March 21—First day of Spring.  
April 1—April Fool's Day.  
April 13—Baseball season opens.  
April 15—Deadline to register for June primary.  
April 16—Good Friday.  
April 18—Easter Sunday.  
May 1—May Day; Child Health Day.  
May 9—Mother's Day.  
May 30—Memorial Day (Sunday).  
June 8—Primary Election in California.  
June 20—Father's Day.  
July 4—Independence Day (Sunday).  
August 9—FDR signed Social Security Bill (in 1935).  
September 6—Labor Day (Monday).  
September 8—Deadline to register for November election.  
September 20—AFL meets in Los Angeles.  
September 23—First day of Autumn.  
October 31—Halloween.  
November 2—Election Day (Tuesday).  
November 11—Armistice Day (Thursday).  
November 25—Thanksgiving Day.  
December 7—Pearl Harbor Day.  
December 22—First Day of Winter.  
December 25—Christmas Day (Saturday).

## CANCER'S DANGER SIGNALS GIVEN

Knowing the seven danger signals of cancer is a most important first step of protection against cancer. They are:

1. Any sore that does not heal.
2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.
3. Any change in a wart or mole.
4. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

None of these symptoms necessarily mean that you have cancer, but any one of them should send you to a doctor

Governor Knight, face to face with the water problem and with seriously increasing unemployment in the state, is very conscious of Feather River, has touched briefly on it, but is being forced by circumstances into a direct, decisive stand for action in the near future.

Organized labor is looking to the Governor for action on this project as one of the key employment potentials affecting Northern California's 400,000 AFL members.

Meanwhile, the rains are here and the threat of floods with them. And still pouring into the state are thousands of new residents each week, building the basis for big new power needs that only Feather River can provide.

Probably few if any projects in California in recent years have had so broad a bearing on the welfare of the state as a whole as does this \$1½-billion proposal to capture a large chunk of the north-state's two-thirds water supply and direct it south into the sun to the south-state's two-thirds supply of humanity.

This sensible conservation of water, flood, power, and population aids stretches out nearly the length of this long state, from the north woods to the southern border desert land, benefitting all areas as it courses southward.

Preliminary surveys are under way, and talk of late has been on financial procedures. Governor Knight has proposed direct appropriation of state funds for purchase of the Oroville Dam site in order to get the ball rolling, but he apparently holds for general obligation bonds on the principal costs—in other words, put it to a vote—and he admits voter approval may not be easily attainable. Some other surer method of financing so obviously needed a project should be sought by the Governor and state officials, it is generally believed.

At any rate, there are anxious glances at Sacramento these days from many thousands of central state citizens—and on their minds is one subject—Feather River, let's get going!

## Ask \$14 Million For Folsom Dam

President Eisenhower asked Congress for \$14 million for the fiscal year starting next July for Folsom Dam, work on which is now about 65 per cent complete. Biggest single request in the \$70 million sought for California water and power projects, was \$23½ million for the Central Valley project, \$5 million more than this year, largest part of which will go on the Friant-Kern irrigation system. Also included: \$8 million for the Monticello Dam, Putah Dam, and canals of the Solano project, work on some of which is already under way. Work is also scheduled to start on the Corning canal and pumping plan and the Red Bluff Diversion dam of the Sacramento Valley Canal unit.

## 13 Maritime Unions Report Deep Depression, Ask Prompt Action

Washington (LPA)—Delegates, representing 13 maritime unions with 130,000 members in a three-day conference drafted a program to rescue the US shipping industry from the "deep depression" that followed the Korean truce. Proposals included revival of coastwise shipping with government subsidies; shipping all military and economic aid cargoes in US bottoms; a union "hiring hall" amendment to the T-H law. The meeting was jointly chaired by CIO's Joe Curran and AFL's Harry Lundberg.



# SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

## WORKERS PAY FOR JOBLESS BENEFITS!

An Open Letter to Assemblyman  
Gordon Fleury:

Dear Sir:

This is regarding your statements before the Greater Broadway Kiwanis Club wherein you estimate that the state paid out more than fifty thousand dollars a day some days last year in fraudulent unemployment insurance claims. You further stated that this is about ten thousand dollars a day more than it costs to operate the state's prison system.

As of today, Mr. Fleury, I think that you have arrived at a new low. When an elected representative of the free people makes a comparison between unemployed workers and the state's prison system in the manner you have then, in my opinion you are becoming too dangerous to the working people of this state.

We are free people and working people. We are not inmates of any prison system. We are taxpayers as proven by the fact that we are even considered eligible for unemployment insurance. We realize, of course, that it is the employer who pays the unemployment insurance tax. But we also know that we, the workers, must produce enough during our working hours to make it possible for the employer to pay the tax, plus all other cost items of his particular business, plus a fair profit. So, then, who really pays these costs of unemployment insurance?? The workers, of course.

You further stated that you believed in the principles of the unemployment insurance program. If the information released through the local papers is your true thinking, then I feel that you do not know the difference between a dole and an insurance plan. Remember this, Sir, the money paid out by the state to unemployed workers is earned by those workers. It is not a contribution from the state.

You also stated that nothing but

an aroused public can stop fraudulent claims. I think the public is already more aroused than you think — aroused because of the charges made by you and your committee, of fraud. We have expected that if your charges are based upon fact then there certainly would be hundreds, if not thousands, of indictments against these alleged cheats. Where are these indictments, and where are these convictions of these people who have cheated to the extent of twenty million dollars, or those that have cheated the state out of the fifty thousand dollars a day you mentioned in your talk?

It seems that it has become the standard procedure of many high government officials to make the charges without concern about proof, and, Mr. Fleury, no official, elected or otherwise, can convict on charges alone.

I would like to recommend, Sir, that you meet with some of the people who are claiming benefits. Meet the unemployed workers and get their stories. I am sure you will find that millions of dollars rightly due the workers lays unclaimed because of the well planned program in effect that discourages all too many from applying for the unemployment benefits that rightly are theirs.

Just remember this, Mr. Fleury — the unemployment insurance program was set up for unemployed workers, no one else. It was not planned for the National Association of Manufacturers or the California Employers Association.

—V. LaCHAPPE,  
Sacramento District Council  
of Carpenters

## Dealers Predict \$1.25 Coffee as Protests Rise

Washington (LPA)—With some brands of coffee already bringing \$1.03 at retail and some restaurants asking 15 cents for a cup, dealers were predicting a rise soon to \$1.25, while charges multiplied that the increase was due to speculation and gouging.

Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D, Iowa) blamed speculators, called for quick action on his bill to put the Coffee Exchange under strict federal regulation. He ran a probe two years ago, then blamed speculation, but his report never got action. Recently he headed an Agriculture subcommittee which blamed "unwarranted" hikes in food prices, including coffee, on speculators.

In New York, William Black, a coffee processor blamed speculators and the Brazilian government, said "There is definitely not a shortage."

## Ocean Mining May Add New Minerals

La Jolla. — Manganese, nickel, and cobalt may some day be added to the list of valuable minerals we obtain from the sea. This possibility was set forth by the University Explorer in a radio story entitled "Prospecting in the Sea," aired Sunday, Jan. 24, over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Quoting two authorities, Dr. Norris W. Rakestraw, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Edward D. Goldberg, assistant marine chemist, in the University of California Scripps Institute of Oceanography here, the Explorer pointed out that the business of extracting minerals from the sea is already impressive.

Common salt is being taken from ocean water in increasing amounts and the production of magnesium from the sea has a yearly value of about \$30,000,000 in this country alone.

## N. Cal. Carpenter News Round-up

(Cal. Labor Press Release)

Big news for Cal. Carpenters is up-coming state convention, set for Santa Rosa, February 20, and busiest Carpenter in Cal. is E. A. Brown, who is getting the Redwood Empire in shape for the invasion of the brothers.

Cal. Council of Lumber & Sawmill Workers was held January 13 in San Francisco, the brothers voting against continued influx of Mexican workers, against Ike's T-H proposals, and acting on many other subjects. Re-elected P. S. Bill Knight, Vice-Pres. Bob Giesick, Secy. Joe Hazard.

Eligibility under N. Cal. Health Plan is improved: effective Feb. 1, working period is 600 hours within 6 months. Plan has paid more benefits than any other plan in Cal. . . . Bay District Council tackling job of getting all registered to vote and also keeping an eagle eye on Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

State meets ahead: Both in San Francisco: Cal. Industrial Safety Conference, Feb. 11 and 12. State Fed conference on workmen's compensation, Feb. 13, 14. . . . Ventura County Building Trades Council commended for strong action which resulted in supervisors abandoning plan to use prison labor on new jail farm building.

San Jose 316 had good turnout on "blood donor day" opening union blood bank. . . . Some 90 reps, at joint Carpenter-Ironworkers meeting in L.A., which showed their recent working agreement is working out OK. . . . Vallejo 180 purchased a piece of valued equipment for donation to Kaiser Foundation.

San Joaquin District Council held "Ladies Night" Jan. 22, with pot-luck, dancing. . . . Work is slack all over as winter rains buffet the state, further north it's wetter and slower, to the south it's dryer and a little better on jobs. . . . Richmond 642 a dance in Memorial Hall January 23. . . . Marysville 1570 reports ebbside on jobs, have hope new work at Camp Beale. . . . Redding 1599 elected Pres. L. A. Brown, B. A. Vic Lang. . . . Watsonville 771, many job injuries of late. . . . watch it, boys.

Carpenter Pete was standing at the counter in a store next to a lady and looking down fearfully at a French poodle running around his legs. Lady said "Don't be afraid of Felix, he won't by-choo." Said Pete, "Man, I ain't afraid he'll bite, but I noticed him lifting his hind leg and thought he was going to kick me!" Pete went on down the street and was accosted by a wino for 15 cents. He forked it over and remarked, "Now I hope you don't go spend this for vile liquor." Replied the bum, "Well, I can't get no other kind; with this much money."

## Strike Vote at Pollock Mill Of El Dorado

(State Fed. Release)

Refusal of the Pollock Mill Company of El Dorado to bargain on the union shop issue has brought about strike action by AFL Local 2561 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers in the Calaveras County area.

The retail store and planing mill company was earlier tried and convicted of employing unfair labor tactics and ordered by the NLRB trial examiner to bargain with the union, according to spokesmen for Local 2561. Despite this action the company has refused to sign a standard union shop agreement with the local.

If all New Year's resolutions were laid end to end they wouldn't reach to the first of February.

## 4,000 Get Birthday Holiday

Chicago.—Four big Chicago factories have agreed with Local 1031, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, to grant a paid holiday to 4,000 employees on their birthday anniversaries.

If the birthday falls on Saturday or Sunday, the employee will get Monday off with pay. Michael Frank Darling, Local 1031 president, said the union would demand paid holidays on birthdays for 33,000 other members in 103 plants under contract.

"A birthday is the big day in

everyone's life," said Darling. Martin A. Donlan, industrial relations director for American Phenolic Corp., one of the four factories, agreed: "A birthday is the most important day of a person's life: otherwise he wouldn't be here."

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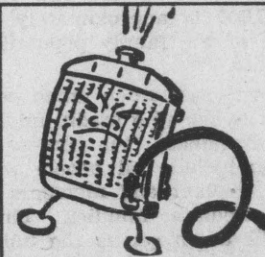
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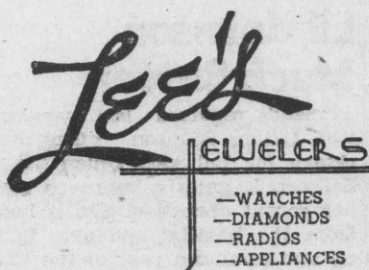
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## New Anti-Labor Weapon in T-H Proposals

(AFL Release)

Philadelphia.—George Meany, AFL president, declared that the Taft-Hartley Act amendments as proposed by President Eisenhower fail "to suggest any real remedy for the evil of government by injunction."

They fail to deal "with one of the worst evils of the act, the one which makes state laws paramount to the national law when they contain tougher restrictions against union security." And they introduce a "new anti-labor weapon"—government-conducted election of workers to authorize strikes.

### TIME TO CRUSADE

Meany, in his talk given over WFIL-TV in Philadelphia, at a meeting of the Philadelphia unit of Labor's League for Political Education, said also in regard to growing unemployment:

"We think the time has come to put the crusade on the road.

"The people of America have every right," said Meany, "to demand that promise be matched by performance."

The only way for workers to make certain that campaign promises are carried out, Meany emphasized, is through increased political activity. He declared that union members owe it to themselves and to the welfare of the nation to keep closely informed on what members of Congress do and to vote accordingly.

On government-conducted elections of workers on the strike issue, Meany said that it was at first presumed that the President intended "pre-strike ballots, a device that was tried once before under the Smith-Connally Act and then thoroughly discredited.

### SMITH PURPOSE CLEAR

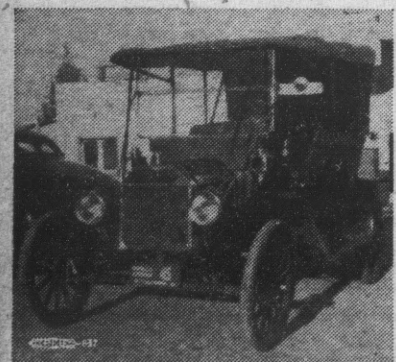
"But then the chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, introduced the Administration bill drafted by the White House and, lo and behold, the measure called for elections after a strike was in progress.

"Senator Smith made his purpose clear. I have here a United Press dispatch in which he explained the real objective to newspaper reporters. He said he thought the elections should be held by the government two or three weeks after a strike had begun because—and I am now quoting his exact words: 'That's when it really begins to hurt the worker.'

"Thus we know that this proposed amendment, which President Eisenhower told his press conference was a detail which he would leave to Congress to decide, is revealed as deliberately designed as a naked strike-breaking device.

"Is this what the President meant when he said in his campaign speeches that he intended to remove the 'union-busting' provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act and make it fair to labor and business alike, while protecting the public interest?

"I fail to see how Congress can enact legislation to undermine and destroy trade unions, the agency largely responsible for building up the American standard of living, without inviting the collapse of that standard."



EVERYDAY TO WORK in this Model T, 1911 Ford, which Operating Engineer Alfred Lottes of Los Angeles keeps purring like a '53 model. He drives 40 miles a day to work and back. (Bosses, please note example of how union men take care of equipment!)

Monterey County

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## Letter Carriers Aid Children



Wm. C. Doherty, left, pres. of AFL Natl. Assn. of Letter Carriers, presents check for \$3,342,950, which American letter carriers collected making their rounds after hours, to help fight Muscular Dystrophy. Doherty is shown presenting the check to Wm. Mazer, pres. of the dystrophy association, with Carol Ann Hollien, 10, of Long Island, who is afflicted with the mysterious disease that cripples and kills teenagers.

## 776 CREDIT UNIONS! MOST ARE CHARTERED TO LABOR

Detroit (LPA)—Members of AFL, CIO and independent unions organized 149 credit unions in the U.S. during 1953, bringing to 776 the number of such organizations serving exclusively the saving and lending needs of locals' members, with a membership of 380,240. But those figures, just announced, tell of only a small part of labor's role in the credit union movement, said Albert W. Marble, managing director of the Michigan League of Credit Unions.

In this state, for instance, only 18 out of a total of 710 credit unions are classified as being chartered within trade unions, but of Michigan's 438,000 credit union members more than two-thirds are labor people, he pointed out. And that 438,000 is approximately 25 per cent of the family population of the state.

"In most cases when union people want to set up a credit union," Marble explained, "the charter is drawn to include all people who work in a plant and members of their immediate families. Thus, the credit union serves the union member but the charter is not counted as being issued to the union as such."

Throughout the U.S., Canada,

and the Caribbean area there are now 18,077 credit unions with a membership of 8,829,000, and more than 2,000 new ones are being formed each year. Further statistics from credit union national headquarters at Madison, Wis., put outstanding loans at \$1,436,858,000; paid-in shares, \$1,958,841,000; reserves, \$95,200,000; and total assets are \$2,250,000,000.

Both the AFL and CIO have passed resolution pledging full support to the progress of the self-help financial organizations among affiliates.

Well-timed silence is more eloquent than speech—and most silence is well-timed.

## 10,265,000 SLUM HOMES!

(AFL Release)

Richard Gray, president of the Building & Construction Trades Department of the AFL, told members of the Washington Building Congress that the United States today has 10,265,000 slum dwellings, almost a third of the 36,165,000 total dwellings in the country.

"We must make our new program work," Gray said, "or we will soon become a nation of slums."

The AFL official said that the program recommended to President Eisenhower by his 23-man Housing Committee faces three major obstacles:

1. Catching up with the housing demand in critical areas. Strict enforcement of occupancy standards as regards health and housing codes will reduce the total housing supply.
2. Relocation of low income families displaced by the Urban Renewal Program.
3. Minority group housing.

Gray said the U.S. has 4,372,000 dilapidated dwellings or dwellings deficient in plumbing, which are owner-occupied; 5,893,000 renter-occupied dilapidated dwellings. In both cases, 51 per cent earned less than \$2,000 a year.

## Failure to Vote Is a National Disgrace

By MARTIN P. DURKIN, General President  
(In the Plumbers Journal)

Year in and year out, across this great nation of ours, pupils in our schools retrace in their history books the great story of how their forefathers won and preserved the right to vote. But for all too many of these young people, democracy will remain just a story between the covers of a book. Like their parents before them, they just won't vote.

It is a disturbing fact that we Americans handle carelessly our right to vote. Under the great pressure of a national election, roughly half of us take the trouble to cast our ballots. In municipal and state elections the record is even worse. Indeed, the voting habits of Americans cannot be compared with the records in the other free nations of the world—it is a matter of contrasts. We seem to forget that the right to vote includes the duty to vote.

The failure of American citizens to participate actively in this democratic process is more than a "problem"; it is a national disgrace. For it ill befits a nation, which all other free nations look to for leadership, to demonstrate this gross neglect of democracy.

While this is a matter of great concern for all Americans, it is especially important to trade unionists. We know that whatever weakens democracy also weakens trade unionism, for the first victim of antidemocratic nations is the trade union movement. The dictators of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Communist Russia have followed the identical pattern; they first crushed trade unionism and then moved on to exterminate all other evidence of democracy.

Where do we start?

We start by looking back to the principles distilled from experience and described by Sam Gompers. We of the American Federation of Labor must always keep before us the doctrine that labor is partisan to principles but not to political parties.

Next, we must set our own house in order in this matter to faithfully perform our duties as citizens. Let us look at our own local union. How many eligible voters are there in the local? How many are registered? Are the other members of each family registered? The answers to these questions are available to any committee appointed by the local union to find them. A comparison of the local union membership roll with the polling lists at the county seat will bring the needed results. The local union which makes this elementary step is well on the way toward revitalizing the citizenship of its members.

Along with the efforts to have its members and their families on the registration lists, the local union can stimulate interest by assisting its members to recognize political issues which affect them most intimately. For this program of education there is available the weekly edition of The News-Reporter, published by the American Federation of Labor. This well-edited paper not only presents the issues of the day as they affect wage earners, but it keeps a sharp eye on the performance of the Representatives and Senators from your state. Moreover, The News-Reporter describes the official positions taken by the American Federation of Labor on current issues of the day. In addition, the American Federation of Labor sponsors Frank Edwards with his five-nights-per-week commentary on the news from the viewpoint of the trade union movement. Finally, each month the AFL publishes The American Federationist as an avenue of information. Certainly the fact must be evident that every effort is made by the American Federation of Labor and Labor's League for Political Education to provide all members of every local union with facts upon which he can reach his own conclusions.

The third step in any program for citizenship activity by the local union is membership in LLPE—Labor's League for Political Education. I am sure that no member of the United Association needs to be told about this tremendous effort to provide members of every affil-

ate with an opportunity to take a realistic part in the political life of the nation.

The fact is beyond dispute that before a single ballot is dropped in the ballot box or a lever pulled on a voting machine, millions of dollars must be spent in the campaign which precedes the actual election.

If every member of the national and international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor became a member of LLPE, then we all would be assured complete freedom in the choice of our elected representatives. It is still true that if the peoples of America are given all the facts, there will be no reason to fear any political decision. Getting that information and placing it before our fellow Americans costs money—but it does not cost more than we can afford to pay, if we each contribute our small share. The general office of the United Association stands ready to cooperate with each and every member of its local unions who desires to become a member of Labor's League for Political Education.

In conclusion let me state that the failure of Americans to exercise fully their rights as citizens is a genuine threat to democracy in this country. Once again the time has arrived when the trade union movement must contribute to the welfare of the United States by promoting interest in the continuation of democracy through active citizenship—just as we fought for public education as a means to the same end.

Let the AFL lead the way and show by example how citizens who truly believe in America accept fully both the rights and duties of that citizenship. Above all let us put our shoulder to the wheel so that the United Association will not be found lagging in the contribution to our national welfare.

## Lil Johnson Much Better

Friends reported last weekend that Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, is greatly improved since her recent operation. She is home from the hospital and able to be up and around a part of the time. However, she is not expected to be able to return to work for some time, it was reported.



HIZZONER—Sacramento Labor Council is planning a testimonial dinner in honor of Jimmie Hicks, editor of the Union Labor Bulletin, who recently was elected mayor of the city. Governor Knight has accepted an invitation to attend and introduce the mayor.

### CUTLINES

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